

**MINUTES  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Brown Field EAA Hangar  
Meeting of October 13, 2009**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Buzz Fink (Special Expertise), Vice Chair Chuck McGill (MYF Aviation User Group), J. H. Aldrich (Montgomery Field Aviation Tenant), Jackie Ander (Serra Mesa Community Planning Group), Tom Dray (Montgomery Tower), Juan Escalante (Brown Field Aviation Tenant), Buzz Gibbs (Montgomery Field Community Group), Lisa Golden (Otay Mesa Planning Group), Scott Hasson (Tierrasanta Community Council), Bob Hitchcock (Brown Field Aviation User Group), Rich Martindell (Special Expertise), Kathy Monsour (Clairemont Mesa Community Planning Committee), and Kevin O'Donnell (Special Expertise).

**MEMBERS WITH EXCUSED ABSENCE:**

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**STAFF PRESENT:** Christian Anderson, Ernie Gesell, Wayne Reiter, Mike Tussey, Robert Zolezzi

**GUESTS:** Larry Rothrock, Daniel Lee, Tom Ricotta, David Ryan, Rau Richmond, Rod Grove, Donna Ryan, R.S. Ryan, Bob Johnson

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Buzz Fink called the meeting to order at 3:09. A quorum was present.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 8, 2009 regular meeting were approved as written, with one (1) abstention.

**3. PUBLIC INPUT**

Larry Rothrock acknowledged Donna Ryan for her efforts in setting up and preparing the hangar for the AAC meeting.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

Mike Tussey acknowledged and thanked the AAC members for their sacrifice and commitment that comes with serving on the committee.

There was some discussion regarding location and environmental issues affecting the placement of the southwest Montgomery Field heliport.

Bob Hitchcock requested a start date for the fencing project at Brown Field. Mike Tussey stated the fencing project should start in January of 2010.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

## **6. STAFF AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Deputy Director of Airports, Mike Tussey, recognized Juan Escalante for his dedication and services to the aviation community in San Diego. Juan Escalante arrived at Brown Field in 1967 and became one of the first flight instructors in San Diego, logging over 20,000 hours and receiving the Flight Instructor of the Year award in 1974. Additionally, after 42 years as a tenant at Brown Field, Juan has assigned his leasehold to Tactical Air Operations, owned and operated by Buzz Fink.

Mike Tussey also recognized Vice Chair, Chuck McGill for his contributions to the aviation community as a Master CFI and for receiving Flight Instructor of the Year in 2008. Additionally, after a unanimous vote, Chuck was granted another term of 4 years on the AAC.

### **SDM Airport Manager**

Wayne Reiter reported on the following items:

- Paulette Wilson has joined the Brown Field staff as the new Ground Maintenance Worker II
- There will be a progress meeting with the electrical contractor on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The access road to the EAA and control tower facilities has been repaved.
- SDG&E has partnered with Ericson Air-Crane and stationed a Sikorsky S-64 Skycrane helicopter at Brown Field to assist in firefighting when needed. The helicopter is expected to remain stationed at Brown until the end of the year.

### **Airports Development Coordinator**

Christian Anderson stated that DPC has initiated the Entitlement process and expects to have an EIR (Environmental Impact Report) completed in 1 ½ - 2 years. Additionally, the Brown Field Master Plan Committee will be meeting at the Nestor Library on October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3pm – 5pm.

### **SDM Associate Property Agent**

Robert Zolezzi reported that he is still working with the California Integrated Waste Management Board on removal of the gypsum at Brown Field and hopes to have the gypsum removed some time next spring. Robert also reported that Juan Escalante has assigned his lease to Tactical Air Ops owned and operated by Buzz Fink who will install a 24,000 ft<sup>2</sup> hangar to house his skydiving aircraft: 3 de Havilland Twin Otters, a Cessna Caravan, and a Sherpa.

### **MYF Tower Manager**

Tom Dray reported that the City helipad is in the process of having its designation changed from a movement area to a non-movement area. Doing this will allow the Fire Department crews to approach the helipad without needing permission from the tower. Additionally, the police are investigating reports that a helicopter flying over the Admiral Baker golf course at night was struck by a laser.

### **MYF Airport Manager**

Ernie Gesell reported the following:

- An anonymous caller called the San Diego Police and threatened to vandalize aircraft on the Montgomery Field. Operations staff were notified, but as of today there have been no reports of vandalism.

- Incident: A Cessna 172 landing on runway 28R swerved off of the runway and struck a runway sign. The left main gear was broken off, which caused the aircraft to stop in the dirt infield between runways 28R and 28L. There were no injuries.
- The annual Miramar Air Show proceeded without any issues, at Montgomery Field.
- King Schools has been conducting filming on the airport with excellent prior coordination with airport staff and the ATCT manager.

#### Deputy Director

##### Brown Field Capital/Consultant Projects

- Electrical Upgrade II/III: *\$2.5 million construction at 60%*
- SDM Perimeter Fencing Phase II: *\$485,000 To LU&H in October or November*
- Rwy 8L/26R Rehab Design: *Composition of RFP in progress.*
- Master Plan: *ALP signed by FAA; AMP Advisory Committee*
- October 2009: \$62,000 spot repair of Twy A, Task 5 *complete.*
- October 2009: \$152,000 partial repair of streets, GRC 2007A, Task # 7A025 *complete*

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- Rwy 10L/28R design at 95%: *Request for temporary lights Rwy 10R/28L, June-July 2010, \$3,861,220*
- Rwy 5/23, Twy G Rehab Design: *To LU&H in October or November*
- Localizer catch basin: *Designed, negotiating with USF&W; Brewster decision.*

#### **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- On October 1<sup>st</sup> the Airports Division was moved under the Real Estate Assets Department.
- Deputy Director Mike Tussey will be on vacation beginning on October 26 and returning November 23.
- Airports Development Coordinator, Christian Anderson will be acting Deputy Director in Mike's absence.
- There will be no meeting in December due to the annual holiday luncheon.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m. The time and place of the next AAC meeting will be on November 10, 2009 at the Montgomery Field Administration building.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Cooper